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May 9, 2013

To: Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Chairman
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From: William T Fujioka
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**DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES' POSITIONS FOR MONITORING
FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES AND GROUP HOMES (ITEM 78, AGENDA OF MAY 14, 2013)**

On April 30, 2013, by motion of Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, with amendments by Supervisor Molina and Supervisor Yaroslavsky, your Board, in part, instructed the Chief Executive Officer to present at the Board meeting of May 14, 2013, a proposal for Board consideration to approve positions for monitoring Foster Family Agencies (FFA's) and Group Homes for the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS).

In order to accomplish this, it is recommended that additional staffing be provided to the Department's Out-of-Home Care Investigation Section (OHCIS) to enable the section to conduct investigations of State Licensed Foster Homes and Group Homes. These supplementary investigations will help ensure timely and comprehensive reviews of prior allegations, incidents, investigative findings, and Corrective Action Plans involving a home or facility, and the expeditious identification of patterns of concern which necessitate corrective action.

In conjunction with DCFS, we are proposing that DCFS immediately start by expanding staffing of this section to include one additional unit comprised of six Children Services Administrator I's and one Children Services Administrator II. The Department will fund these seven items being requested with 2011 State Realignment growth funding. Costs for this additional staffing are projected to be as follows:

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ITEM CODE	ITEM	FTE	ANNUAL FULLY LOADED COST
9086A	CHILDREN SERVICES ADMIN I	6.0	\$849,112
9087A	CHILDREN SERVICES ADMIN II	1.0	\$150,613
TOTAL		7.0	\$999,725

Expanding the scope of OHCIS to include investigations of allegations of abuse and/or neglect in group homes and State Licensed Foster Homes will help serve the Department's Strategic Plan Objective of enhancing monitoring/oversight of FFA's, licensed foster homes and other out-of-home providers by coordination with CSWs, while at the same time helping to better ensure that expeditious action is taken when Foster Parents and Group Homes are found to be in violation of state regulations and/or provisions of their contracts.

WTF:AJ
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c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
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